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c. 1890-1900

John C. Waters House

Upper Hill

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-444

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-444

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 27770 Waters Lane

☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

First

state Maryland

county

Somerset

3. Classification

Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☐ occupied

☒ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Alphonso Waters et al. % Louise Rock

street & number 1530 Poplar Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code

MD

21216

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court

liber 313

street & number Somerset County Courthouse

folio 312

city, town Princess Anne

state

MD

21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John C. Waters house stands at 27770 Waters Lane in the community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay center hall frame house faces south the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Erected around 1890, this two-story, center hall, single-pile main house rests on a brick pier foundation and the exterior is clad with a uniform layer of plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the north (rear) of the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The south (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The entrance is filled with a partially glazed door, and the window frames retain shutter hardware. The entire first floor is sheltered by a single story cross gabled front porch supported on turned posts. The centered cross gable is sheathed with fishscale shingles. A framed knee wall stretches between the posts. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows.

The east and west gable ends of the main block are alike with single two-over-two sash windows on each floor including the upper gable end. The eaves to the roof are extended with the soffits open. Piercing the gable roof is a pair of stuccoed brick stove chimneys that flank the center hall.

The north (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by the two-story, two-bay kitchen wing, which is extended to the rear by a single-story gable roof addition and to the west by an enclosed shed roofed porch marked by single-pane sash windows. The east side of the kitchen is defined by a first floor entrance marked by a four-panel door sheltered by a shed roofed hood. A two-over-two sash window fills the adjacent bay and a pair of similar windows light the second floor. A single flue brick stove chimney rises through the gable end.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 6/5/95

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE
27770 Waters Lane
Chain of title

313/312 John C. Waters

 to

3/27/1979 John Alphonso Waters
 Ruth Mae Parker
 Evelyn L. Polkinghorn
 Maggie Ellen Burgess
 Sarah Virginia Woolford
 James Cranston Waters
 Daniel William Waters
 Gladys Lattia Waters
 Georgia Louisa Rock

BLB 182/421 L. Creston Beauchamp, trustee

 to

9/3/1957 John C. Waters
 Georgie M. Waters

BLB 182/419 John C. Waters
 Georgie M. Waters

 to

9/3/1957 L. Creston Beauchamp

 1. to John C. Waters from Robert H. Jones
 10/15/1907 48/303

 2. to John C. Waters from Robert H. Jones
 4/8/1920 80/314

40/91 John C. Waters

 to

9/24/1904 Robert H. Jones, Jr. "Freetown Hill"

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JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE
Chain of title continued

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41/89

George A. Cox, trustee

to

9/24/1904

John C. Waters

Decree of Circuit Court

11/28/1902 \$60.00

being part of the land of which Daniel J.
Waters died siezed

LW 13/64

Robert H. JOnes
Harriet J. Jones

to

4/29/1871

Daniel J. Waters

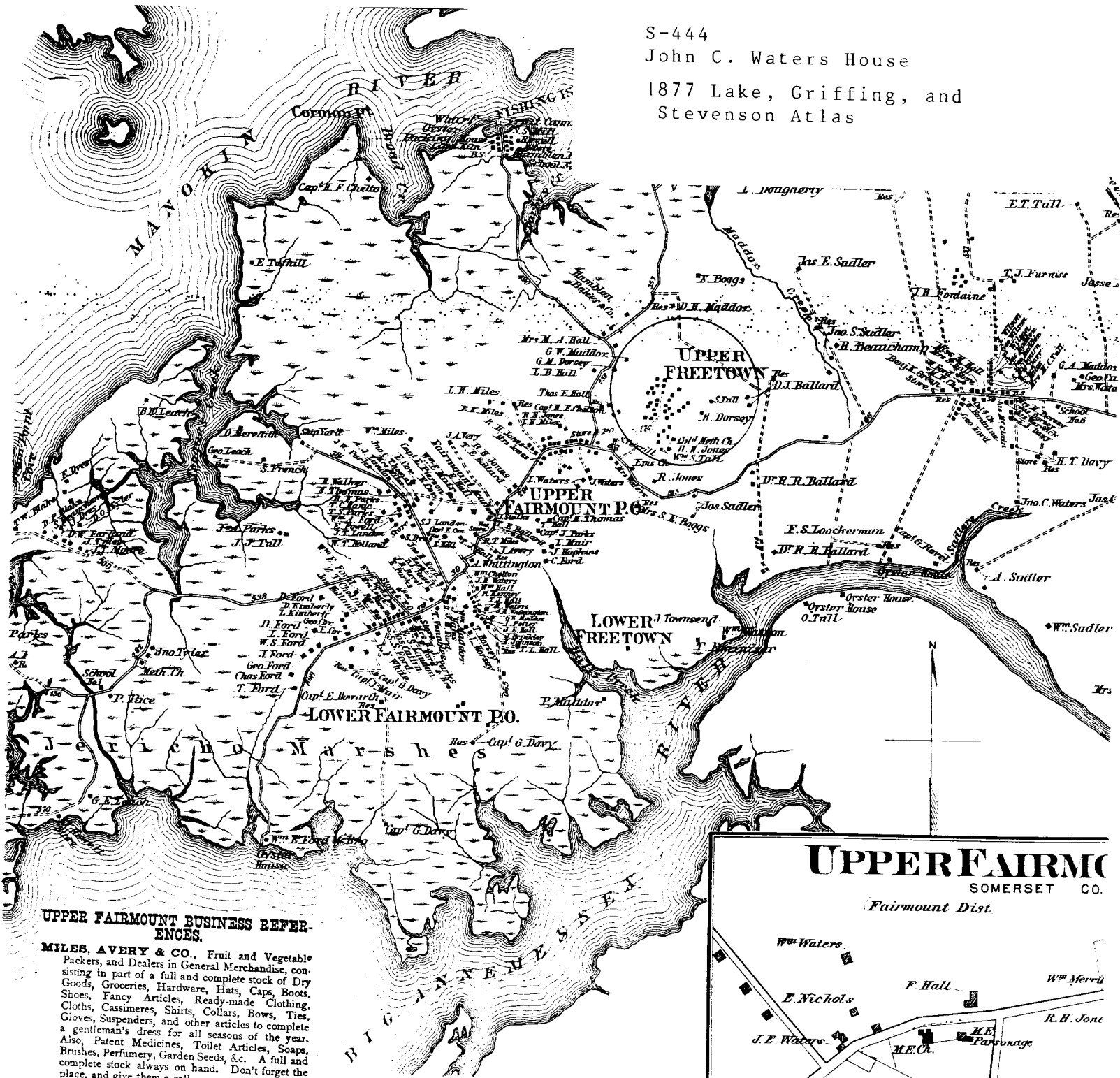
\$275.00 all that lot or parcel of land
situated in Potato Neck, Somerset
County and adjoining the lands of
William J. H. Tull's heirs

Somerset County Tax Map 39
Parcel 162

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1877 Lake, Griffing, and
Stevenson Atlas



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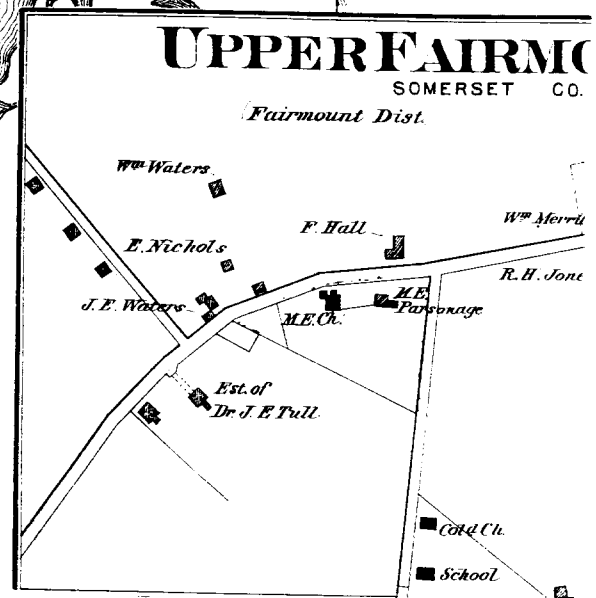
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John C. Waters House

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle
1972





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John C Waters House

Upper Hill, Berkeley Co. Md

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neg. 1 m. 1/2 in. 1/2 in. 1/2 in. 1/2 in.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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John C. Waters House

Upper Hill, Somerset Co, Md.

NORTHERN - ELEVATION

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